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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your letter, dated March 27, 2003, seeking the appointment of a special counsel to take over the ongoing investigation of certain Democratic political officials in Michigan. We apologize for our misunderstanding of the status of your prior request for the appointment of a special counsel in this matter.

We have reviewed the information contained in your most recent letter, and have again concluded that the appointment of a special counsel is not warranted. We are confident the U.S. Attorney in this matter will conduct a fair and impartial investigation consistent with the public interest. However, since your letter contains allegations of misconduct by federal prosecutors, we have referred it to the Department of Justice's Office of Professional Responsibility, which is charged with reviewing allegations of this nature.

Thank you for communicating your concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,


William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman